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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed June 27, 2011, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

Any petition for reconsideration of this decision must be accompanied by the petition fee of \$400 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f). The petition for reconsideration must include the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; (3) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2). This petition lacks item (1) above.

The petition is not considered to contain a proper statement of unintentional delay since the petition is presently not deemed to have been submitted by a proper party in interest within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.378(d).

If the petition is signed by an assignee or other party in interest, compliance with 37 CFR 3.73(b) must be satisfied. According, a **Certificate Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)** form must be completed to indicate the interest and authority of **Oliver W.R. Champagne, Jr.**, to sign the instant petition to reinstate the above-identified expired patent.

Additionally, there is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney documents must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until appropriate instructions are received .

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

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